







# IPSWICH NOW A TOWN OF TERROR



# Cop hunt after girls killed

FEARS grew last night that a Ripper-style serial killer is on the loose after police identified a body discovered on Friday as missing prostitute Tania Nicol.

The 19-year-old's naked corpse was found in a pond at Copdock, Suffolk, less than a mile from where vice girl Gemma Adams, 25, was discovered dumped in a stream eight days ago.

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Both vanished from the red-light district in Ipswich, five miles away Gemma disappeared on November 15 and Tania on October 30. Police have now launched a

Police have now launched a joint murder probe, believing the same killer could have carried out the "obviously similar" murders.

They fear the attacker could strike again, though examinations have revealed no evidence of sorved account.

Last night, fellow prostitutes braved the Victorian streets close to Portman Road, Ipswich, to lay tributes at the spot where

THREE 17-year-old friends were killed in a head-on crash. The boys, all from Wetherby, West skhire, were passengers in a Ford Escort which ded with a Renault Kangoo on the A58 near

therby, he 18-year-old driver of the Escort was taken to spital with "very serious" injuries. he driver of the Kangoo, a 63-year-old woman, was en to Leeds General Infirmary with a broken leg. r passenger, a 69-year-old man, was not hurt.

by ANDY LEA

## Drugs

Yesterday, Gemma's father told how she had got into prostitution after becoming hooked on heroin. He said: "It's every parent's worst nightmare. Once your child is involved with hard drugs your heart is already broken."

"We want to see the person responsible caught. We have also got a huge amount of sympathy for the family of Tania."

A string of young women have been found murdered in East Anglia over the past 13 years but detectives have no evidence to link them.





TRACES of radiation were found in two flats and a plane has been grounded as the probe into the murder of Russian Alexander of Russian Alexander Litvinenko continues in Germany. The former spy was killed in London by a dose of radioactive polonium 210 in November. The Kremlin has denied involvement.

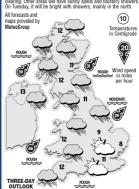


Dendent Police Complaints
Commission yesterday denied that Sir
Ian Blair, left, had been officially cleared of
misconduct charges over his handling of the
aftermath of the Stockwell shootling.
It was reported that the Metropolitan Police
boss had been told there was no evidence to
suggest he misled the public over the shooting of Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes. But
the IPCC said its report was not val.



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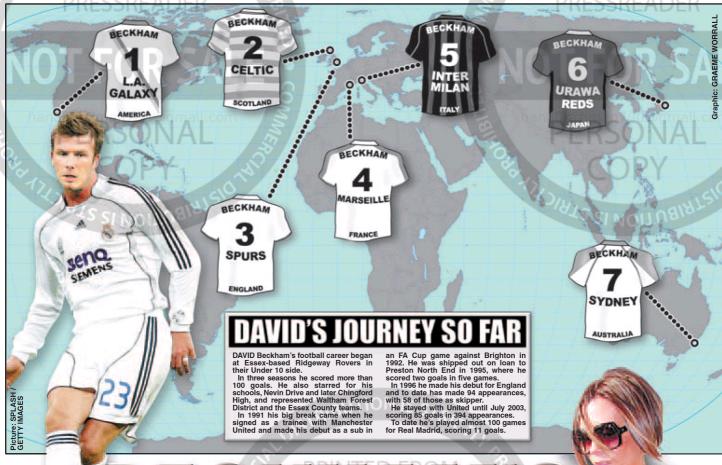
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# Posh hunts out a new home for footie hubby as



## POSH and Becks are on a worldwide mission to decide where he should end his career.

The former England captain's contract with Spanish giants Real Madrid expires next summer.

And from January 1 he'll be able to talk to any club across the globe with a view to moving on. So in a mission their pal Tom Cruise would be envious of, the golden couple are involved in a 50,000-mile round-the-world recce to see where would be best

est. The whistle-stop tour, costing about £60,000 in air fares and hotel bills and which has already seen Posh have a scout around in Los Angeles, will also take in Australia, Japan, Italy, France and Scotland.

and Scotland.

A source close to Becks said: "Posh has already kicked things off but over the next month they and their advisors are going to be visiting all points of the globe to check what is

## by JONATHAN CORKE

suitable for their next move. They are going to be busy."

Becks, 31, has always said the most important factor in deciding where he plays his football is his family.

PIALY SIDE LOUDING IS RIMITY.

His sons, Brooklyn, seven, Romeo, four, and 18-month-old Cruz have become accustomed to life in Spain and go to school in Madrid.

## Break

But a source said that because they are still young they could adapt quickly to a new home. It's thought that the couple will buy a pad in Los Angeles – whatever club he decides to join.

Taking advantage of the Spanish football season's winter break between December 20 and January 7, pals say the couple and their advisors will spend time visiting various locations around the world where clubs are offering him a home.

Of the options under consideration,

the biggest upheaval would be to move to Australia, where Sydney FC have shown a strong interest in Becks.
The club have stated that they would love to have Goldenballs join their ranks.
The only problem would be that Posh, 32, and Becks would be more than 10,000 miles from their parents and friends.
In Japan the Urawa Reds have also expressed an interest.
The club is based in Saitama City, just outside Tokyo.
The source said: "He certainly loves it and would definitely consider a move there."
One of the strongest bids for Becks

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One of the strongest bids for Becks will come from America. The boss of Los Angeles Galaxy has gone on record saying he would love to sign the former Manchester United star. And A-list celeb capital Los Angeles is certainly somewhere Posh, 32, would love to live.

Last week she started the househunting odyssey there so she and

Becks can have a pad when they visit Cruise and his wife Katie

In Italy Inter Milan have said they would also like to sign Becks when he becomes available.

available.

The fashion metropolis of
Milan would certainly appeal
to both Beckhams and it isn't
too far from home. Insiders say
an Italian castle has been offered
to them as a home by the club.

## Giants

Marseille in France is also under consideration by the couple.

But there is also fierce competition from Britain with Tottenham hoping to bring Becks home to England just a few miles from his "Beckingham Palace" home in Hertfordshire.

And Glasgow giants Celtic are also trying to lure him north of the border and have already shown his advisors a string of Scottishe states where he string of Scottishe states where he

string of Scottish estates where he could make his home.

**GLOBE** TROT: Victoria Beckham began the search for a new base in LA

last week



# Crouchie babe's undie-cover role is unmasked



## ■ by BILL FRANCIS

GRUB ADVICE: Ray Quinn



# **Agent's missed goal**

LEONA Lewis turned to X Factor after Sven Goran Eriksson's agent failed to land her a record deal.

The beauty was signed up by Athole Still in 2004 when he launched the group Il Divo.
But despite getting singing lessons, the London lass

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

struggled to land a recording contract and instead was forced to get a job as a receptionist. Speaking from his plush office, star "fixer" Athole said: "She is

doing really well on the show now and I am backing her to win.
"I wish her all the best."
When asked what he did to help the singer's career, he said: "If I remember rightly I actually gave her some singing lessons."
Meanwhile, Londoner Leona, who has always dreamed of finding fame as a singer, says she is well prepared for a singing career and has already recorded enough material to fill 50 albums.

The babe laid down the tracks in a studio her

tracks in a studio her parents had built in their London home after Athole failed to make her a star.

## Charts

Speaking about her career so far Leona, 21, who has wowed the public with her flawless vocals thoughout the series, told the Daily Star Sunday. "I have recorded loads of different songs. "None of it has ever been properly released. "I am just doing what anyone who wants to get into the music industry does.

into the music industry does.

"And that is to save money to get studio time and do gigs.

"All the songs are written by me.
"I want to start writing new stuff now but I have got like 50 albums, some on tape, some on CD and some on a proper studio set-up."

Leona performed some of her tracks on Radio 1 last year, when she was interviewed by DJ Colin Murray, 29.

And she recently hit the club and radio charts with underground smash Priyate Party featuring

club and radio charts with underground smash Private Party featuring Ludacris. Vocal coaches on the hit ITV1 talent contest reckon she definitely has what it takes to make it.

## Cry

Last week she left them in tears while rehearsing her rendition of Over The Rainbow.
Vocal coach Mark Hudson said: "Leona starting singing Over The Rainbow at the start of the week and it was very difficult to advise her.
"She was singing it so well that in rehearsals I started to cry because it was that good." Leona's parents, former football player Joe and his wife Maria, 42, of North London, have spent an estimated £80,000 on her dream of stardom.

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They forked out tens of thousands of pounds on a place at drama school, where fellow pupils included Katie Melua, 22, and Amy Winehouse, 23.
And they paid for the bedroom studio.

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STAYING MUM: Louis Walsh



TELLY DREAM: Emma

# Chat's yer lot,

STRICTLY Come Dancing star Emma Bunton hopes to host her own TV chat show now her new album has flopped.

The 30-year-old babe hoped her appearances on the hit BBC1 Saturday night dance show would boost sales of her new album, Life In Mono.

But last night record industry experts were predicting the album may only just scrape into the Top 60 of the album chart. Now the ex-Spice Girl, whose single Downtown is also expected to drop down the charts, is planning a TV future — with a chat show top of her list.

Tough

A source said: "When the estimates came out about the sales she was a bit down – but that's life. "She understands it's a tough environment for recording artists at the moment and is prepared to put some steam into her TV career instead. "She's really enjoyed Strictly Come Dancing and wants more TV work – a chat show would be brilliant." Emma, whose boyfriend is Cherry BlackStone singer Jade Jones, 27, is believed to have been offered the chance to expand her TV work with the BBC.

They see her as a hit with the viewing public. A Beeb source said: "She has the girl next door looks that BBC viewers adore. "She has a big TV career ahead of her."

# Celebrity big bucks

CELEBRITY Big Brother 2007 will be the most expensive yet.
Channel 4 bosses reckon the show's costs will run into many millions as they attempt to make it the most-watched Big Bruv of all time.
Sources say each of the 12 celebs will pocket an average of £150,000, with former-Baywatch hunk David Hasselhoff, 54, reported to have been reported to have been offered £500,000.

A source said: "The big expense is the pay packets for the celebri-ties."

Celebrity Big Brother starts on January 3.

## War on debtors

DEBT collectors are making a last-ditch effort to recover £45million worth of child maintenance. The move will help to clear a backlog of more than 10,000 owed payments to the soon-to-be-axed child Support Agency. So far £320,000 has been clawed back from abent parents by private debt agencies. And the crack-down has led to 22 people being jailed.

The CSA is owed £3.5 billion but it regards £2billion as "uncollectable".

## **POTTY PRICES**

TIGHTER security after Israel's war with Hezbollah has foiled smugglers and raised marijuana prices by 800% in the Jewish state.



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■ by **DEAN VALLER** 

JUNKIE rocker Pete Doherty stood "distressed" over the body of Mark Blanco after the actor stood "distressed" over the body of Mark Blanco after the actor plunged 30ft from a balcony, it was revealed yesterday.

Doherty, 27, has already been quizzed by police in connection with the Cambridge graduate's death.

He fell from a second floor flat in East London and there is no suggestion that Doherty – who has since been dumped by model Kate Moss, 32 – played any part in the tragedy. But a partygoer who came to the 30-year-old's aid as he lay on the ground said a stunned Doherty told her of his fears for Blanco while he was still breathing.

The female witness said: "He (Doherty) came out of the house and was clearly very concerned. He stooped down next to me. "I was saying to Peter, 'It's OK...it's all right'.

"Then Peter said, 'It's not r\*\*king OK. It's not all right'.

and was clearly very distressed."

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Poster
On the night he died, Blanco was involved in an altercation with Doherty at the flat, which belongs to the singer's literary agent, Paul Roundhill, 56.
The actor is said to have jokingly pinned Doherty against a wall with a poster for his play, Accidental Death of An Anarchist, in which he played the lead. In the play, Blanco's character falls to his death from the window of a police station.
The party source said: "Mark was extremely excited about the play, really happy and hyper and trying to impress on everyone else the importance of it. "Peter is tall but Mark was taller and Peter was looking around for help."
Blanco was asked to leave and Roundhill admits setting fire to his hat "to distract him".
Blanco was asked to leave and Roundhill admits setting fire to his hat "to distract him".
Blanco was later found in the road outside, breathing but with serious head injuries. He died shortly afterwards at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel.
Police have taken a statement of Doherty's version of events leading up to the fall.
The ex-Libertines frontman, who left before police and paramedics arrived at lam last Sunday on the advice of friends at the party, was not questioned under caution.
The inquest into the death, which police have described as "unexplained", has been opened and adjourned.
Pals claim Mr Blanco's injuries suggest he was kicked and beaten before he fell.

He said: "It's not f\*\*king OK, it's not all right"

POLICE QUIZ:
Pop singer
Pete Doherty
has talked to
officers
about events
at the party
where Mark
Blanco fell to
his death



IT WON'T BE ME: Zara

# Zara's tip for Dazza

ROYAL riding champion
Zara Phillips has
dismissed her chances of
being named BBC Sports
Personality of the Year.
And the 25-year-old has
tipped golfer Darren
Clarke for tonight's title.
Zara, who won individual
gold in the World ThreeDay Event Championship
in August, said: "It's a
massive honour to be
nominated but I'm not
getting my hopes up."
And she told a pal: "I
think Darren Clarke will
win."

think Darren Clare w.m.
win."
Clarke, 38, who is 2-9 on
favourite with bookies
William Hill, helped
Europe win the Ryder Cup
this year just weeks after
losing his wife to cancer.

## **Footsteps**

Zara, daughter of the Princess Royal, would be following in her mum's footsteps if she won.
Princess Anne was Sports Personality in 1971. The short list includes; cricketer Monty Panesar, 24 (20-1), boxer Joe Calzaghe, 34 (11-2), cyclist Nicole Cook, 23 (25-1), tennis star Andy Murray, 19 (33-1), gymnast Beth Tweddle, 21 (33-1), darts champ Phil Taylor, 46 (50-1), F1 racer Jenson Button, 26 (66-1) and boxer Ricky Hatton, 28 (100-1).

# **Pilgrims** tragedy

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## THEY'RE SPLICED

TWO 25-year-old trees which have grown around each other were MARRIED to keep evil spirits at bay in West Bengal, India.



# THE new Wembley won't

be much fun - because footballs will be banned. They are on a list of items which are to be outlawed at the National Stadium when it finally opens for business.

England fans will not be able to vave the Cross of St George above heir heads because flags are also orbidden forbidden

And they may not be able take photos to emember their remember their day out – because cameras and camcorders are on the list as well. Some worried supporters fear they'll even be stopped from taking pictures on mobile phone cameras.

Rules

England fan Thomas, of Leeds, said: "For fans who pay a lot of money to go to watch England or an FA Cup final, it's terrible they won't be allowed to take a came or a sma or a small camcorder to capture memo-ries of their

big day. "And I'm the foot-ball ban is a good idea. "Perhaps

McClaren's big plan to make England hand to beat at home." Our exclusive picture from inside the ground shows the rules and regulations fans will have to follow when the stadium opens. They will be banned from carrying a total of 20 items. The list, put up by builders Multiplex, also includes radios, fireworks, aerosols, darts, tools, glasses, loudspeakers, umbrellas, explosives, weapons, extinguishers, syringes and helmets. Banner-style flags without a flagpole will be allowed, although the warning signs inside the stadium do not make that clear.

that clear:
And the huge nannying list fuels the fears of ordinary fans that the new ground will be geared towards catering for prawn sandwichmunching corporate clionts

clients.

A source at Wembley told the Daily S t a r S t a r Sunday last night: "It will be night-

> "What do they want fans to

"Just sit quietly in their seats? "And how are S t e v e McClaren's

men to be inspired if the fans can't have any fun?"

And he joked: "On the other hand, it's not clear whether the ball ban extends to the pitch.

"If it does, it might help England's chances on current form."

But Wembley spokesman Jim Frayling said: "Our ground regulations are in the draft stage at the moment and this is a sign that Multiplex have put up.
"But most of these items are banned at Premiership grounds.
"The ban on cameras is to protect TV and mobile rights and relates to professional cameras with tripods.
"Footballs won't be banned on the pitch, obviously. But they're not something we would encourage people to have in the stands.

Rich
"People might enjoy playing on

"People might enjoy playing on the concourse because everyone wants to say they've played football at Wembley but it's less fun if you're not involved."

Before this latest bombshell, loyal supporters were already worried that rich businessemen entertaining guests in expensive corporate boxes were more important than them at the new Wembley.

Out of 90,000 seats, 15,000 are taken up by Club Wembley's corporate ten-year season ticket holders and 2,000 by executive box holders.

Megabucks Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich has snapped up a 20-seat box costing £270,000 a year.

And David and Victoria Beckham have also bought top-of-the-range

And David and Victoria Beckham have also bought top-of-the-range VIP seats, which cost £82,995 for a decade-long season ticket. Wembley was due to open in August 2005. But after a series of delays it is now due to be handed over to the new owners next month. The Football Association hopes the first showpiece game there will be next year's FA Cup Final.

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N a bid to make Britain the best-educated country in the world. Gordon Brown is doubling the tax on all flights and adding more than a penny a litre in duty to the price of petrol. Anyone stupid enough to believe that that's what this is really about needs to go back to school.

OK, so they may build some more schools in the dim and distant future, but wasn't "Education, Education, Education" the warn't "Education, Education, Education" the warn't cry of our increasingly Muppety Prime Minister a decade ago? So why should we swallow yet more tax hikes just because he couldn't deliver on a promise?

Oh, and Top release of the promise?

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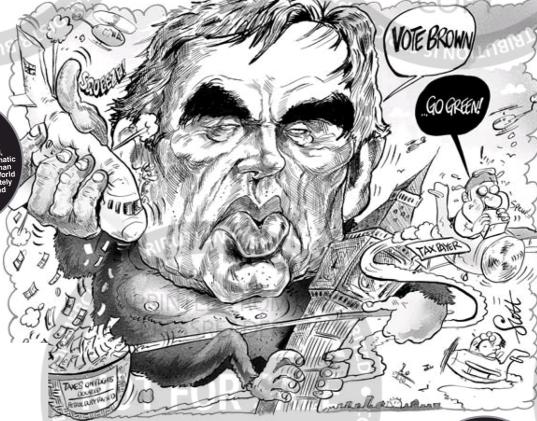
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trying to big
up his Green
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(even though
he's yet to
make good
on his PR
pledge to swap
his Vauxhall
Omega for a
Toyota Prius),
which is why he's
hitting air travel and
motorists.

trange how environmentally-aware he is all of a sudden. He's mentioned global warming more in speeches in the last year than he did in the whole that. And what the hell has the environment (and even education, come to that) got to do with the Chancellor anyway?

He needs to concentrate more on the job he's got at the moment, rather than pitching for his upcoming promotion... especially at a time when, as the Tories pointed out, unemployment is rising, borrowing is spiralling out of control and the economy isn't growing as fast as Pinnochio Gordon claimed.

Although I'm sure

Although I'm sure Brown would say I need to be better educated to understand.



LEGALLY BLONDE: Heather tries out Rees Witherspoon's comic wannabe-lawyer role

# ASBO ASTO GO WE'RE told that 57% of ten to 17-year-olds with an ASBO 25 times. Oh, and each of order slapped on them simply ignore it. This surprises me. Considering what a Joke ASBOS are, I'd have thought it'd be nearer 90%. A third of offenders have broken the terms of their order at least five

A NONSENSICAL, up-their-own-arses stunt was announced by the numb-nuts at Channel 4 last week when they revealed details of their alternative Queen's Speech (delivered in the past by the likes of Ali G and Sharon Osbourne. Oh, how we laughed – not). Anyway, this Christmas they've decided to let a Muslim spokeswoman in the full Batman mask do the honours. Er, why? In 99% of cases (a figure I just made up but it sounds about right) the niqab is a badge of someone who's been bullied and culturally battered into covering up. Sticking a bird in a burqa (or whatever variation of the headgear she chooses) validates it. Show-off liberals at C4 are choosing to celebrate – and even glorify – the

complete absence of choice
for women in a lot of Arab countries and (sad but
true) in some British homes.
And how happy would the dunces behind
this dumb decision be if their sister, wife
or daughter suddenly decided to swap the
Prada for the niqab?
Let me hazard a guess – not very.
At the same time, Gooner god Thierry
Henry went on record as saying that the
UK is one of the most tolerant nations on
Earth and that we are much more
accepting of other people's religions
and culture. So why exactly does
Channel 4 need to come over all
holier-than-thou by wasting airtime
on Christmas Day with their
ill-thought-out fringe agenda?



OFFICE VALE
AUGUSTON

THE Office star Lucy Davis got hitched at St Paul's Cathedral yesterday...and so did her

Bride Lucy, 32, swept up to the steps in a taxi, all smiles and ready for the swanky

Then the plunging neckline of her gown plunged a little further than intended. Pals hastily held up an anorak to hide her blushes while adjustments were made.

Then Lucy – who played receptionist Dawn in telly's award-winning sitcom – went

## ■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

up the aisle with her comedian dad Jasper Carrott.

After she took her vows with actor groom Owain Yeoman, 32, Jasper said: "I was so proud It was very emotional"

The couple were allowed to marry at St Paul's because Jasper, 61, has an OBE, which the father of the bride sported on his wedding suit, left.

Guests included The Office co-stars Mackenzie Crook and Martin Freeman, who played Dawn's love interest Tim







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# COUNTRY LEGEND INSPIRES OUR BOYS





# Major blasts **Oasis** Noel

■ by NEIL CHANDLER

Gallagher, 39, caused fury in the ranks earlier this month when he said of the Iraq war: "The troops wanna go, all they want to do is fight. "They're soldiers. They're loving it...until they get shot – then they're claiming

"But if we were all

## Grabbed

His men were involved the most successful peration of the Iraq ampaign on Friday.

n. the Army was withdraw a nt video which

Dermission.

But the military has broved useful to Gallagher and his band

agner and ie past. 1997, Oasis hired Army helicopters to the video for their D'You Know What I

Mean?
Last night, the Army
Rumour Service website
was inundated with
comments from
disgruntled squaddies.
One wrote of Noel: "Id
happily dance on his
grave, if I could dance."

**BRAVE** British troops were fired up by Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers as they launched a vital mission to snatch five of Iraq's most dangerous men.

Corporal Gary Atkinson, 23, sang the country and western duo's 1983 classic Islands In The Stream to boost his pals' morale as they drove through Basra's deadly streets on their way to confront some of the Iraq insurgency's Most Wanted.

Iraq insurgency's Most Wanted.
Gary was part of an eight-man strike team from 3 Scots – the legendary Black Watch – who arrested two of the five terror leaders in Britain's biggest Iraq operation since the 2003 invasion, which involved a total of 1,000 Allied troops.
After a nerve-shredding ride in armoured "snatch" Land Rovers into Basra's notorious Al Hartha slum, a platoon of 30 Black Watch troops surrounded a one-storey, eight-room house before Gary's team pounced at 3am on Friday.

## Surprise

Lance Corporal Apisai Bavadra, 29, from Fiji, crept up to the front gate with a "thumper" sledgehammer but found it unlocked. After he pushed it open Gary, from Kilmarnock, sprinted up the drive with his SA80 assault rifle.

The veteran of three Iraq tours burst into the house and caught his two suspects completely by surprise.

He said last night: "I went in as quick as possible because I risked getting shot in the face if they knew we were coming. "But the suspects had no idea and did not put up any resistance.

"I shouted at them to get down and pointed at the floor. They got the gist of what I was saying soon enough."

Meanwhile, Lt Robin "Random" Earle, 26, from Newcastle, Pte Callum "Specmental" Sandeman, 19, from Dundee, Pte Charles Paterson, 22, from Cowdenbeath, Fife, and L/Cpl Gary Wilson, 23, from Dunfermline, Fife, poured in to search the house. The raid

Soldiers of the Royal Regimer of Scotland at Basra airport yesterday ■ by NEIL CHANDLER

OUT ON PATROL

took less than a minute and their comrade. L/Opl Lewis Montague, 25, from Kirkcaldy, Fife, was stunned to find a heavy machine gun under a white blanker in the hallway. He said: "The element of surprise is everything on these operations. Luckily they didn't have the time to get that gun out because if it had been pointing out the window as we came up the drive they could have done some serious damage." Arresting officer Pte Manny Lynch, 21, from Cardenden, Fife, thrust detention papers written in Arabic at the suspects. The pair were handcuffed, deafened and blinded with ear muffs and black goggles, then led out to an armoured personnel carrier.

Pte Paterson said: "We suspect these

Pte Paterson said: "We suspect these Pte Paterson said: "We suspect these people were involved in planting road-side bombs but they're still human beings and we'll treat them with common courtesy. We don't want to kill them and we don't have any grudges. "We're just doing our job – which is trying to make Iraq a better place." In all, 110 Black Watch troops were joined by 250 Danish troops on the raid.

as part of the massive Operation Pisa. Danish commander Col Per Mikkelsen said: "The men of the Black Watch are of the very highest standard. They are excellent and brilliant troops."

Black Watch Officer Commanding Major Ben Wrench responded: "It is good working with the Danes, too.
"Demmark and Scotland are two very similar small countries with populations of around five million. Both have football teams of around the same standard—and a shared Viking heritage."

## **Bombs**

Around 700 soldiers from the Duke of Lancaster and Staffordshire Regiments also took part in the operation and found four roadside bombs – primed and ready. Staffs troops and Royal Engineers launched a raid in ten high-speed boats while 500 men from the Duke of Lancasters attacked from the south with 14 Challenger 2 tanks. US F15 jets were on hand to scare off any response. In total, the raids netted the five terror leaders – plus AK-47s, 12.7mm heavy machine guns, the roadside bombs, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades and many "valuable" documents.

**FORCES FAVOURITE: Dolly** 

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# We reveal tangled love lives of the stars

THE jilted ex of Take That idol Howard Donald has warned his bride-to-be: "Don't do it - he's not the marrying type."

Howard, 38, dumped blonde Victoria Paddington in 2002 after a ten-year romance when he fell in love with brunette fan Marie-Christine Musswessels while DJ-ing in Germany.

Now pals say the star – who helped Take That to the No.1 slot in both the singles and album charts is planning to marry Marie-Christine.

But Victoria, 35, who is bringing up Howard's six-year-old daughter Grace alone in a three-bedroom cottage in the New Forest, told the babe: "I would advise you to be very careful."

Victoria was just 22 when she caught Howard's eye in a packed crowd of screaming fans as he danced alongside Robbie Williams, Mark Owen, Gary Barlow and Jason Orange at a Take That gig in Bournemouth.

## Steamy

Love soon blossomed and they enjoyed a steamy candlelit romp at a hotel after a Take That show weeks later.

But they had to keep their relationship secret to preserve Howard's image as a single guy. So Victoria would hide in the back of his Mercedes as fans clamoured for a glimpse of the pop star. Howard's insatiable sexual appetite led to a diet of frenzied sex encounters as they romped in his Merc, on the kitchen table of his 19th Century mansion in Nantwich, Cheshire, and even against an oak tree during a bike ride in local woodlands.

In 1996, Victoria nursed Howard back to health when he fell into a deep depression after the break-up of Take That.

by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

born in 1999 and Howard seemed happy in his new life as a doting father and touring DJ. But just three years later he walked out on Victoria for 28-year-old beauty Marie-Christine, who has since given birth to Howard's s e c o n d child - 18-m o n th -

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Lola. At her cottage near Ringwood in Hampshire, Victoria said: "Howard provides for Grace by paying maintenance but that does not make up for what happened. Everything was ruined when he left. We still get on -but our relationship is over. "Tm sure he regrets leaving us but that can't be fixed now. "My daughter went to see Howard at a Take That concert last weekend but I did not go. I cannot enjoy watching them any more."

Last night a source close to Howard said: "He is sad at what happened but Christine is his future and he wants to make a real go of it. Wedding bells are not far away."

■ by SUSAN HILL

# A ski moon rising

SPACE agency Nasa plans to make money out of going back to the moon with a Lunar Olympics!

And ideal sports there would be skiing and sledging.

Nasa has just revealed plans for a permanent moon base ahead of the first manned trip to Mars.

But their plans also include the news that lunar holidaymakers will be able to enjoy some sports and lunar rover racing in the low gravity which is just one-sixth as strong as earth.

They hope it will be a big hit with tourists and help and the plankroll the venture.

They also hope sports can help to keep ful-time astronauts healthy.

The plans are laid out in an official list of 200 good reasons to go back to the moon.

## **WAIL-WAY LINE**

A PENSIONER who drove on to the underground rail track in Oporto, Portugal, told police: "I didn't know we had an underground."



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**BUST-UP: Emma with boyfriend Mo** 

sullied his shirt. sullied his shirt.

I know this, because I know a girl who works there and she told me.

"It's true," she said. "He was dabbing under his pits with paper towels."

shared qualities...
Sweat.
More specifically,
the need to soak it
up from various
bodily crevices
during a night out
with the missus.
Allow me to set
the scene...

Salty

On Thursday night,
Willy – who was born
with the sort of face you
never see on a council estate –
squired his filly (that's what they
call them) Kate Middleton to
ultra-trendy London club Mahiki, inset.
Inside, the future King spent much of
the evening with towelettes clamped
under his armpits to absorb excessive
perspiration that would otherwise have
sullied his shirt.

upon passing womenfolk.

womenfolk.
Irritatingly, fellow
VIPers Ashley Cole
and Jesse Metcalf
managed to maintain a
lack of seepage despite
being constantly pestered by
leb-hunters.

being constantly pestered by celeb-hunters.

I even witnessed Ashley throwing shapes on the dancefloor – and STILL no ating

By chance, my chum **Roxy McKee** says she wants to go there for dinner

oon.
I told her about my sticky evening. "You know, you can have botox injections in your sweat glands if you've got a B.O. problem," she said.

This is information I'm sure our monarch-to-be will be pleased to absorb.

HAVING returned refreshed and brown from the Maldives, I am now so skill that I can predict the future. So...on Monday, you will see lots of pictures of Bernie Ecclestone's daughter plus Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie and other assorted big name celebs. I know this, because I had an invite to the Winter Wonderland bash at One Leicester Square, but couldn't make it. I also reckon, in the next two weeks, the nanny arrested on suspicion of abusing Geri Halliwell's baby will tell her side of the story. Finally, what is it that's not quite fanciable about that girl Leona on X Factor?

THIS New Year's Eve, I'll be celebrating with a hunchbacked man and lots of good music. Later With Jools Holland has been so amazing in 2006, I'm going to reward the felty, pallid gargoyle by watching his Hogmanay Hootenanny with my folks. Clubbing be blowed, I tell you.



COLEEN McLoughlin has done well for herself, let's face it. By going out with a formerly fat lad who's good at football, she's transformed good at football, she's transformed herself from a dumpy schoolgirl into a wealthy style icon in just a few years.

Here she is in Liverpool at a party with a girl who gets them out for money called Katie Downes, who I've never heard of, Big personality, I'm sure.

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Who's hot and who's not

# Prince Andrew

FOR turning up at 1 am at Courtney Love's house "looking for chicks". Sarah Harding – for all kinds of reasons, but just look at her for a start.

Mel B – I feel for her, but it's time someone sat her down and delivered the Condom Talk.

# David Cesi

I BET he smells of yellow and relies on an anti-dandruff shampoo.

Pete Doherty – now someone's actually died, will you see sense and get out of that life?

Mohammed George – suspected ABH on a woman: One of the most shameful things a man can get nicked for.



WHY wouldn't I
publish a big picture of
Danielle Lloyd and underwear designer Marissa
Montgomery? Especially when the
splendid Danielle is wearing skimpy
stuff crafted by young Marissa.
Danielle's become a bit of a mate after
outting me in my place when I dissed her
in this column a while back. Apparently
she's in talks about doing the next
Celebrity Big Brother. Please don't. Do
you really want the British public to
have that kind of access to your
personality? And Marissa – any
chance of some of your underwear for the females in the
Mott clan? It would go
down well. Ahem.



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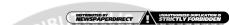
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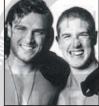
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TWOSOME: Ed and Stu

# **Staying** off the rocks...

ROOKIE oarsmen Stu
Turnbull and Ed Baylis
set off to row the Atlantic
tomorrow... buoyed up
by "marriage guidance"
advice.

The pals took couples'
counselling to make sure
they don't have a bust-up
on the 3,000-mile voyage
in a 24ft plywood skiff.
Stu, 26, of Fulham,
west London, said.
"The counsellor said
we were yin and
yang,

"The counsellor sai we were yin and yang.
"I'm the yin, apparently – the more feminine side. We'll see. But we have agreed there's a No Punching policy!"

## Aim

Ed, 26, of Wimborne, Dorset, said: "Ours is a new, untested friendship. We want to

want to harmonise to increase our efforts."
The lads set off from the Canaries and aim to arrive in Antigua on January 15, knocking three days off the hairs record. days off pairs record.

# Inferno tragedy

A WOMAN was killed and 13 others rescued after fire broke out at sheltered housing in Prestwood, Bucks. The fire started in a ground floor flat at Cherry Orchard, Maybush Gardens, Prestwood at teatime on Friday. Bucks fire fighters carried 12 people

Bucks fire fighters carried 12 people through smoke-filled corridors to safety, while a passer-by rescued one other. Paramedics treated

five people at the scene. Two were then

scene. Two were then taken to hospital. The fire destroyed one flat and at its peak, was battled by nearly 50 firefighters. Thames Valley Police and Bucks Fire and Rescue Service are inventication the

investigating the cause of the fire but it is not being treated as suspicious.

## A GREEDY GATOR

INDONESIAN villagers who cut open a 1,000lb alligator found a leg, hands, skull fragments, shorts and a T-shirt inside.



## A LATINO maid has claimed she is David Gest's original Vaginica Semen.

The I'm A Celebrity star stunned fellow campmates by claiming he had a maid in the States with the hilarious name.

the States with the hilarious name.

Now a 32-year-old woman – who was employed by Gest's estranged diva wife Liza Minnelli at her mansion in Beverly Hills – has come forward to claim she is the helper in question.

Sadly, Vaginica is not her real name – it's Virginia Cortez. But she claims Gest struggled to remember her real name and called her Vaginica instead.

And after falling in love

instead.

And after falling in love with the name, Gest then proceeded to call all his female staff Vaginica.

But Virginia said her new name was such a hit with even her friends and family that it stuck.

## Homes

And now she's constantly called Vaginica – even though she doesn't work for Gest any

work for Gest any more.

She revealed to the Daily Star Sunday: "I was the original Vaginica Semen. But Mr David liked the name so much he gave it to every maid at his and Miss Liza's homes here, in New York and in Memphis. "It was very confusing. "If there were two or three of us on duty he would call: 'Vaginica!' But we wouldn't know which one he wanted.

vanted.

"So we would all run to see what he wanted and he would laugh and say: "There you are - all my Vaginicas!" He thought the

■ by MIKE PARKER in Los Angeles

name was very funny and I never really minded."

"Vaginica", who says she worked for Gest and Minnelli in 2002 shortly after they married, added: "After a while, girls with names like Maria, Anna and Aida all became Vaginicas, too.

"My friends and family still call me Vaginica, so he started a fashion."

And the unmarried maid said Gest, 53, was "quite a gentleman" to work for. She said: "He was a little demanding sometimes but always very nice and friendly.

"I think on British T'Y you may have seen him as very sweet and funny.

Divorce

## **Divorce**

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"But wherever Mr David is, he will make sure he has several Vaginicas to look after him."

nn. David Gest was unavailable to



**SMITTEN: Declan Donnelly** 



ROMANCE: Diana



## Now for R2 DIY2

A SCIENTIST is working on a robot that can build flatpack furniture. Professor Andrew Ng, from Stanford University in the US, wants his creation to be able to build an IKEA bookshelf. He also wants it to load a dishwasher and clean up after a party. He said: "It took me a very long time to assemble an IKEA bookshelf." The revolution in robotics will come when we can teach a robot to carry out a variety of tasks."

## **FUELISH THIEVES**

THIEVES who stole a Saab estate car from Daventry will be stumped when they try to fill it up with petrol – it runs on rare bio-fuel.

# It's handbags at dawn

SHE'S A STRIKING PARTNER: Jermain Defoe's sexy girlfriend Charlotte Meares shows her curves in a bikini

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